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1. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT NEW YORK TIMES AND OTHER REPORTS OF CIA ACTIVITIES BY REFERRING TO WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT SENT SEPARATELY TO YOU. HAD QUESTION OF POLICY TOWARD COMMUNISTS IN NATO GOVERNMENTS COME UP (IT DID NOT) SPOKESMAN WOULD HAVE REPLIED AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE CERTAINLY THE PRESENCE OF COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENTS OF NATO COUNTRIES WOULD CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF THE ALLIANCE, BUT THAT IS A DECISION FOR EACH COUNTRY TO MAKE. UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD FOLLOW ABOVE GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO PRESS INQUIRIES. KISSINGER

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